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FOR AMBASSADOR EDWARD S LITTLE AND AMBASSADOR ROGER KIRK (INR)

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, SA  
SUBJ: FOCUS REVIEW: SAUDI ARABIA

REF: (A) JIDDA 8102, (B) JIDDA 8262

1. WHILE LOOKING OVER ONCE AGAIN FOCUS'S REPORTING ASSESSMENT ON SAUDI ARABIA, I NOTED (PARA 14) THE QUESTION WAS RAISED WHETHER "THE US WAS SUFFERING FROM AN OVER 'FAHDIZATION' OF US POLICY." TWO PARAGRAPHS LATER, THE FOCUS STUDY NOTED THAT WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, "CONTINUAL VERY CLOSE MONITORING OF THE OIL PRODUCTION SITUATION IS NEEDED;....(AND) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND THE RELATIVE INFLUENCE OF THE PLAYERS WOULD BE HELPFUL."

2. A GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN SAID ON THE RECENT OPEC MEETING AT DOHA, AND WE WILL NEED TO GIVE ATTENTION TO HOW THE SAG'S WELL-PUBLICIZED POSITION WORKS OUT IN PRACTICE. OF ONE THING, HOWEVER, THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT: WITHOUT THE STRONG POSITION TAKEN BY PRINCE FAHD AGAINST A RISE IN THE PRICE OF OIL, SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NOT HAVE BROKEN WITH THE OPEC CONSENSUS. THE  
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WAYS WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN GREASED FOR A FURTHER, SEMI-AUTOMATIC PRICE INCREASE OF ANOTHER FIVE PERCENT NEXT JUNE.

3. WE WILL NOT NEGLECT THE VIEWS OF OTHER HIGH PRINCES IN OUR FUTURE REPORTING, BUT AS SAUDI ARABIA'S POSI-

TION IN OPEC TENDS TO SHOW, OUR ATTENTIVENESS TO THE  
CROWN PRINCE HAS SERVED US WELL, AND THERE IS NO REALY  
SUBSTITUTE ON ISSUES OF PRIME IMPORTANCE FOR THE  
JUDGMENT AND LEADERSHIP OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD.  
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